

## LONG POND (Plymouth)

## **General Information:**

This deep, 211-acre cold water pond has an average depth of 46 feet and a maximum depth of 100 feet. It is fed by groundwater and an inlet from Little Long Pond, and eventually drains into Halfway Pond. The shoreline is heavily developed with year round homes and summer camps. Transparency is excellent at 18 feet.

This pond is easily reached from Route 3 by taking exit 3 (Clark Road) and heading west on Clark Road. After stopping at the stop sign at the intersection of Long Pond Road, continue straight ahead until you see the lake. There is a newly renovated paved boat ramp provided by the Public Access Board with ample parking spaces. The Town of Plymouth enforces a 50 horsepower limit on outboard motors.

Long Pond in Plymouth is one of the best ponds in the state for salmonid habitat and has a long history of trout and salmon stocking. Brook, brown and rainbow trout, Chinook salmon, landlocked salmon, Sockeye salmon, smallmouth bass, bullheads, white perch, chain pickerel, walleye, smelt and alewives were all stocked here prior to 1948. Management of the pond has concentrated on stockings, survey work and access improvements in recent years.

## **Fish Populations:**

A survey in June of 1979 found smallmouth bass, brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, white sucker, golden shiner, white perch, yellow perch, brown bullhead, American eel and pumpkinseed. Largemouth bass, rainbow smelt (last stocked in 1972) and banded killifish have also been reported from the pond, and as of 1992, broodstock Atlantic salmon are also present.

## Fishing:

Long Pond is an excellent and heavily fished trout pond. It is heavily stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. In the spring of 1992 and 1993, it was also stocked with Atlantic salmon broodstock ranging from four to 12 pounds in weight. A few salmon from the 1992 stocking held over to 1993 -- a tribute to the deep well oxygenated water. This pond produces large trout (especially browns) on a regular basis, and there is known potential for trophies (browns to 14 pounds have been taken here). Trolling generally produces most of the large holdover trout, although shore fishermen regularly take their share. Summer trout water is located at 30 to 60 feet.

Don't overlook the smallmouth bass. Fly fishermen tell us this is a super spot to catch both trout and smallmouths on the long rod in the spring.

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